

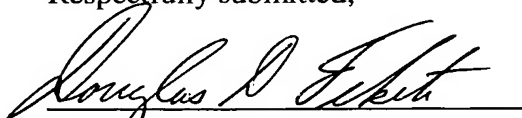
In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-7, 11-19, 39, and 40. Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement.

Claim 1, representative of Group I, recites a method that includes detecting a change in lateral acceleration of a vehicle and reducing the vehicle speed. Claim 38 of Group IV also includes measuring lateral acceleration and reducing vehicle speed. Thus, the methods are perceived to be different aspects of an invention, and not separate and distinct inventions so as to justify restriction. Efficiency, both on the part of Applicants, and also on the part of the Patent Office, mandates that, where the claims have common distinctive features such as here, all claims should be examined together. The Restriction Requirement unduly burdens Applicants by requiring them to file and prosecute multiple applications and pay fees and maintain multiple patents, to obtain the patent protection to which they are entitled.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn, and that all claims of Group I and Group IV be considered in the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,



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